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## ***Support the American Red Cross @ your library™***

Our condolences go to the families and friends of the victims of the terrible events of September 11. We have placed a collection jar at the circulation desk of the Main Library. All donations collected will be given to the American Red Cross. The first few days were very successful. It was so heartwarming to see children, who can't even reach the jar, give their contributions.



## ***The Most Popular Books @ your library™***

The list of **TOP 10** children's picture books is heavily dominated by some favorite characters—Clifford the Big Red Dog, and the Berenstain Bears. These figures are calculated since 1990, and are not completely accurate, as copies may have been withdrawn and the use figures become unavailable. Here's the list:

<u>Title and Author</u>	<u>Number of Circulations</u>
<i>Clifford, the Big Red Dog</i> —Norman Bridwell	952
<i>The Berenstain Bears in the Dark</i> —Stan and Jan Berenstain	941
<i>The Berenstain Bears Forget their Manners</i> —Stan and Jan Berenstain	916
<i>The Berenstain Bears and too Much TV</i> —Stan and Jan Berenstain	832
<i>The Berenstain Bears and too Much Birthday</i> —Stan and Jan Berenstain	797
<i>Clifford's Birthday Party</i> —Norman Bridwell	775
<i>The Day of the Dinosaur</i> —Stan and Jan Berenstain	767
<i>Clifford's ABC</i> —Norman Bridwell	766
<i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i> —Laura Numeroff	716
<i>Clifford's Manners</i> —Norman Bridwell	698



## ***Today's Girls, Tomorrow's Leaders***

A special display of Girl Scout materials that were donated to the Lynchburg Public Library will be on display in Youth Services during the month of October. An "antique" Girl Scout uniform (from the 1950's) belonging to one of the Youth Librarians will be displayed. Can you spot her Storyteller's badge?



## ***Summer Teen Volunteers @ your library™***

During the summer of 2001, thirty-seven area teenagers from twelve different schools volunteered at Lynchburg Public Library for a total of 577 hours. Using the dollar value of volunteer service provided by the Virginia Office of Volunteerism, the hours worked by the teens have a value of \$8,880.

Twenty-six teens worked with young children participating in the Youth Services Summer Reading Program. This summer was the fourth year Julie Daniel, Rebecca Milam, and Holly Schubert helped with the Summer Reading Program. It was the third summer for Morgan Vance and the second summer for Dana Mays and Dominique Perkins. Assistance provided by experienced returning volunteers is invaluable during the hectic summer programs. India DeLoatch and Carly Eccles each worked over 20 hours during the Summer Reading Program.

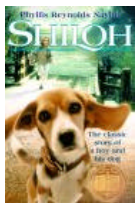
Four teens worked at the Downtown Branch including Christina Ciafardoni who did double duty and also worked in the Circulation Department at the main library. Christina volunteered 66 hours this summer, the most hours by any teenager.

Wan-Shuan Cheng and Ben Tsai each worked 20 hours this summer cleaning videos for

Circulation, and pulling books for the Adult Services Department. Wan-Shuan and Ben found and removed hundreds of books from the shelves and shifted books to other shelves during a major weeding of the adult collection. Anthony Meeks worked almost 23 hours this summer mostly helping Technical Services complete the withdrawal process by stamping hundreds of books "withdrawn."

Several teens worked on inventory, cleaned videos, did shelf-reading, searched for books, worked on the computers, helped deliver Outreach materials to nursing homes, and other tasks.

All teens who volunteered at the library this summer received a Certificate of Appreciation, and those working over five hours received a gift certificate as a special thank you. A letter reporting each teen's volunteer hours was also sent to the twelve schools for inclusion in school records.



### ***Share Shiloh*** **@ your library™**

The Virginia General Assembly has designated the week of October 21-27, 2001 as "Read Aloud to a Child Week." The Department of Education and the Library of Virginia are joining together to promote reading aloud by inviting you to read to your child during this time. *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor is the featured book for read-aloud week. The library is ordering extra copies.

Come by and check out a copy and read to a child. Remember, the most important 20 minutes of your day is when you read to a child.



### ***Fire Engines + Firefighters = Fire Prevention!*** **@ your library™**

During **Fire Prevention Week** in October, Captain Gage and his firefighters from Miller Park Fire Station #6 will bring their fire engine, gear, activity books and Jr. Fire Fighter Badges to the library to teach the importance of fire safety. The Engine and its crew will arrive at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 13. For more information, please call Youth Services at 847-1717.



### ***Summer Reading was an Adventure*** **@ your library™**

Our theme was *Book an Adventure* and we offered African Safaris, Mysterious Adventures, Medieval Adventures, "Survivor" Adventures, Imagination Station Adventures, Stones and Bones Adventures, Indiana Jones and the Jewel of the Library Adventure (secret codes), Musical Adventures, Creepy Crawly Adventures, Wild Things Adventures and A Far-Out Adventure...just to name a few.

Special events such as C-Shells Musical Adventure, Fish the Magish Magical Adventure and Barefoot Puppets Galapagos Island Adventure were paid for with funds from the *Lynchburg Friends of the Library*, a volunteer organization that supports the library's interests and concerns.

When the last person left the Grand Finale Create Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Party on August 11, more than 4100 children and their parents had attended the storytime adventures and special events. When the reading programs concluded on August 31, Lynchburg Public Library's Summer Reading Program submitted more than 520,000 pages toward the City's *Read A Million Project*.



### ***Born To Read Celebrates its First Anniversary*** **@ your library™**

August 1, 2001 marked the first anniversary of the **Donna Hladik Smith Born to Read Project**. A board book and read aloud pamphlet were delivered to more than 2500 newborns at Virginia Baptist Hospital during the first year. For more information about this program, please call Lorry Risinger at 847-1717.

## ***Book Review : The Eon Isle Chronicles by J. Pendleton Campbell***

J. Pendleton Campbell is a local author. Christina Ciafardoni, a library volunteer, reviews his book here.

*The Eon Isle Chronicles* follows the royal family of Eon Isle for three generations. It shows how trials can be overcome by faith and that knowledge is not the same as wisdom. The characters are memorable, the plot is wonderful, and the way Mr. Campbell keeps his readers in touch with the characters is remarkably refreshing. This book is a good read for fantasy fanatics, and I also recommend it to anyone looking for a philosophical approach to religion or a fresh look at the things we take for granted in the twenty-first century.



### ***Teens Read and Feed Homeless Animals @ your library™***

During the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, 101 teens read 449 books to raise money for the **Lynchburg Humane Society**. For each book they read, they earned \$1.00 totaling \$449.00 for homeless animals at the shelter.

This program is designed to encourage teens to read during the summer and provide a community service. The program is supported by a grant from the **Lynchburg Greater Community Trust**. (From the Elizabeth and Herbert Thomson, Sr. Fund and the Unrestricted Fund.)



### ***Display Your Collections @ your library™***

Do you enjoy the rotating exhibits in the Adult Services area? Do you have a collection you'd like to share? The case is already booked for the rest of 2001, but if you are interested in reserving the space for a month in 2002, contact Jim Whalen, Head of Adult Services at 847-1566. Don't delay – monthly slots will be filled quickly!



### ***Video Policies Reminder @ your library™***

- Checkout limited to 3 Adult and 3 Youth per card
- Loan Period – 5 days
- Fine Rate - \$1.00/day
- Non-Renewable
- Please Rewind



### ***Music Cassettes @ your library™***

We currently are reprocessing our music cassette collection. This will allow patrons to browse the shelves, rather than search through the card box for available titles. The reprocessed cassettes are being shelved in the same area as our books on tape and they will have a "Music" label to help locate them quickly. This is an on-going project, so please bear with us as we make this transition.



### ***Another Busy Summer @ your library™***

During the months of July and August, the Circulation Staff at the Main Library checked out and checked in **171,833** items! This represents an almost 9% increase over the same time period last year. Also, 627 new library cards were issued during these two months, which equals a 10% increase.

The Downtown Branch library had a similar increase in circulation for the months of July and August.



### ***Computer Assistance @ your library™***

If you have noticed the public Internet computers and word processors, but have been afraid to use them, help is here! Our volunteer, Doug Small, is here most Thursday afternoons from 1:00 until 5:00 and will work with patrons needing computer assistance. He will help with Internet searching, e-mail, word processing, and other applications. Please call 847-1566 to be sure he will be here on any given Thursday.



## **Happy Birthday to LION @ your library™**

**LION**, the Lynchburg Information Online Network, is ten years old! Library employees began entering books into the then-new computer system in the fall of 1991 and by the following spring, both libraries, as well as the libraries at Lynchburg College, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and Sweet Briar College were up and running.

The advantages of the computer system are many – we can tell whether an item is checked out and when it is due (or overdue!); patrons can place holds on items from the public access computers, or from their home computers; patrons who owe large sums of money or have several books overdue are blocked from checking out items.

The library's catalog can be accessed from your home computer by going to the library's web page, [www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary](http://www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary) and clicking on "Library Catalog." Follow the instructions and you will be able to check on books and other materials, plus renew or reserve materials.

After ten years, the Unix-based system is showing its age. Staff are assessing Windows-based software packages and hope to upgrade the system within the next 18-24 months.

### **Main Library**

2315 Memorial Ave.  
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Circulation, Renewals,	
Returns, Library Cards	847-1565
Reference and Information	847-1566
Youth Services	847-1717
Administration and	
Technical Services	847-1577
Volunteer Program	847-1577

### **Downtown Branch and Law Library**

900 Church Street  
Lynchburg, VA 24504  
847-1768



## **A New Volunteer Opportunity @ your library™**

The Lynchburg Public Library is looking for volunteers to participate in our **Adopt-A-Shelf** program. Spend as little as an hour every two weeks maintaining the "adopted" shelf area. Individuals over the age of 14, families, or groups may volunteer to adopt-a-shelf. Anyone interested in this volunteer opportunity can call the Volunteer Coordinator at 847-1577 for more information, or ask for an application at the Circulation Desk, fill it out and turn it in at any desk.



## **First Annual Adult Summer Reading Program a Success @ your library™**

Not to be outdone by the kids, the adults enjoyed a summer reading program of their own this year. Over 50 participants signed up to read five books, and when the five books were read, they were eligible for an ice cream social. We would like to thank the following for providing prizes for the social:

Barnes and Noble	Heironimus
The Bookstore	Lynchburg Hillcats
Dee's Hallmark	Main Street Eatery
Givens Books	O'Charley's

Also thanks to Michele-Marie Iungerich for designing the mugs that were given as prizes for completing the five books.

If you didn't participate this year, there's always next year! Plans are being made to make next summer's Adult Summer Reading Program even better!

Don't forget the monthly Adult Book Discussion Group. Check our website for details, or call 847-1566.

### **Library Hours**

**Main** – Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. – 9:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Tues., Thurs. – 9:30 AM-9:00 PM

**Downtown Branch** – Mon. – Fri. 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

**Closed Thursday and Friday,  
November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving.**

